Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for searching for media content, comprising:

receiving from a user a user profile which identifies preferred media distribution sources;

receiving a search request from a user including at least one search criteria;

searching a plurality of media distribution source types for media content based on the at least one search criteria and the user profile;

generating, from results of the searching, a schedule including scheduling information regarding the media content; and

displaying the schedule ~~scheduling information regarding the media content~~ to the user.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the media content includes at least one of a video, audio, a still image, printed material, text, a movie, and a television program.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information regarding the media content includes availability information that indicates availability of media content, which meets the at least one search criteria, from at least one of the preferred media distribution sources.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the availability information includes at least two of movie theater show time data, television broadcast data, and retail data.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the search for media content is performed on at least one database.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user profile includes at least one of a zip code and a television provider data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing online purchase capabilities such that the user is able to purchase at least one of the media content, tickets to view or hear the media content, and merchandise related to the media content.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of media distribution source types includes at least two of: i) a movie theater source type, ii) a local cable TV or satellite TV provider source type, and iii) a preferred online retailer source type.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the search criteria includes at least one of title data, cast member data, and director data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information regarding the media content is displayed on at least one of: i) a display associated with a set-top box, ii) a display of a computer arrangement, a TV, a wireless device, and a cell phone.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

notifying the user in the future when the media content becomes available from at least one of the preferred media distribution sources, if the media content is not currently available from the at least one of the preferred media distribution sources.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

notifying the user in the future when the media content becomes available from at least one non-preferred media distribution source.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the user is notified via at least one of email, instant message, and postal mail.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

periodically searching for the availability information related to at least one of the preferred media distribution sources if the media content is not currently available from the at least one of the preferred media distribution sources.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

requesting a user notification of when the media content becomes available from at least one preferred media distribution source, if the media content is not currently available from the at least one preferred media distribution source.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user with information regarding media content, comprising:

determining an availability of the media content from a plurality of media distribution sources that are selected in accordance with at least one user selection interpreted based on a user profile, the plurality of media distribution sources including different types of media distribution sources;

generating, based on the determination, a schedule including scheduling information regarding the availability of the media content from the plurality of media distribution sources; and

~~selectively~~ displaying the schedule on a single page ~~scheduling information regarding the availability of the media content from the plurality of media distribution sources~~.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, further comprising:

allowing a user to request, from the single page, notification in the future when the media content becomes available from at least one of the media distribution sources, if the media content is not currently available from the at least one of the media distribution sources.

18. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor;

at least one computing arrangement configured to communicate with the processor via a communications network; and

a computer-readable storing medium storing a set of instructions, the set of instructions capable of being executed by the processor to implement a method for searching for media content, the set of instructions performing the steps of:

receiving from a user a user profile which identifies preferred media distribution sources;

receiving a search request from a user including at least one search criteria;

searching a plurality of media distribution source types for media content based on the at least one search criteria and the user profile;

generating, from results of the searching, a schedule including scheduling information regarding the media content; and

displaying the schedule ~~scheduling information regarding the media content~~ to the user.

19. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A hardware-implemented apparatus comprising:

means for processing;

means for communicating;

means for computing to communicate with the means for processing via the means for communicating; and

storing means [[for]] storing a set of instructions executable by ~~, the set of instructions capable of being executed by~~ the means for processing, the set of instructions, when executed, causing the means for processing to implement a method for searching for media content, the set of instructions performing the steps of:

receiving from a user a user profile which identifies preferred media distribution sources;

receiving a search request from a user including at least one search criteria;

searching a plurality of media distribution source types for media content based on the at least one search criteria and the user profile;

generating, from results of the searching, a schedule including scheduling information regarding the media content; and

displaying the schedule ~~scheduling information regarding the media content~~ to the user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

interpreting at least a portion of the at least one search criteria in accordance with the user profile;

wherein the searching is based, at least in part on the interpreting.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein:

the set of instructions performs the step of interpreting at least a portion of the at least one search criteria in accordance with the user profile; and

the searching is based, at least in part on the interpreting.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein:

the set of instructions performs the step of interpreting at least a portion of the at least one search criteria in accordance with the user profile; and

the searching is based, at least in part on the interpreting.